GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF LANGUAGES IN EIGHTH SCHEDULE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had considered the report of Sitakant Mohapatra Committee for inclusion of 37 languages including Bhotia and Lepcha in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by when these languages are likely to be included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): The Sitakant Mohapatra Committee, which was set up, inter-alie, to evolve a set of objective criteria for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule, submitted its report and the same is undr examination in consultation with the concerned departments of the Central Government.No time frame can be fixed for consideration of the demands for inclusion of more languages including Bhotia and Lepcha in the Eighth Schedule as it involves a lot of consultation with the concerned departments of the Central Government.